

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**Delaware Nutrient Management
Program****DELAWARE CONSERVATION
PRACTICE STANDARD****Temporary Field Staging****(Reported by Number)****DEFINITION**

The temporary location of manure/litter in a field for 90 days or less prior to its application within that field.

PURPOSES

This practice may be applied for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To stage manure/litter in the field prior to its application.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE
APPLIES**

This practice applies only to temporary staging of poultry litter for 90 days or less in the field where it will be applied. If unforeseen circumstances beyond the applicator's direct control requires staging beyond 90 days, an extension may be requested in writing.

CRITERIA

1. Ensure there is no unused undercover manure storage capacity.
2. The staging site is also the application site.
3. Authorization for exceeding the 90 day time period may be granted on a case by case basis if approved by the nutrient consultant. The request must be submitted to Nutrient Management Program Administrator in writing at least 5 business days prior to the end of the initial 90 day staging time period.

The temporary staging of manure/litter must be performed in the following manner:

1. The manure must be at least 6 feet high and in a conical cross section shape; and
2. Poultry litter manure shall not consist of more than 5% crust out material; and
3. The selection of the staging site must consider the highest, most practical site possible and shall not use the same site more than once every two years without a staging site in accordance with State Technical Standards; and
4. The staging site must be located at least 100 feet from a public road, 100 feet from any surface water and 200 feet from any residence not located on the property; and
5. The staging site must be at least 200 feet from a domestic well and 300 feet from a public water supply well; and
6. Post litter removal treatment must include the removal of all litter and the top 1-2 inches of topsoil if the topsoil is co-mingled with the litter to prevent nutrient loads; and
7. A production crop or vegetative cover crop must be established and maintained at the staging site as soon as practical following post removal treatment.

Record Keeping

Participating producers must maintain records to allow the certifying individual to document plan implementation. Required records include:

1. Nutrient Land Application Record form.
2. Assistance notes. The notes shall include dates of site visits, name or initials of the person who made the visit.
3. Refer to the "Record Keeping" state technical standard to obtain appropriate form(s).

REFERENCECES

1. Title 7 Delaware Administrative Code7201
Regulations Governing the Control of Water
Pollution, Section 9.5
2. Title 3 Delaware Code, Chapter 22